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FIRST AID REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSED NURSES

Dear Adult Family Home Provider:

It was recently discovered that while WAC 388-76-10145 states a licensed nurse as a provider, entity representative or resident manager for an Adult Family Home (AFH) must have a current and valid first aid card, WAC 388-112-0260 has been interpreted as licensed nurses are not required to have a first aid card or certification. This has led to confusion of the requirement.

Since nurses receive extensive training during their credentialing process that far exceeds what is taught during the basic first aid course, it has been determined that licensed nurses are not required to obtain a first aid card. They are required, however, to maintain their CPR certification.

Effective immediately, RCS staff will no longer require registered nurses or licensed practical nurses associated with or working within an AFH to have a first aid card or certificate. Once the moratorium is lifted, WAC 388-76-10145 will be revised to reflect the above information.

Sincerely,

Candace Goehring, Director
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